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The applicant's attorney, the undersigned herein, has reviewed the facts and circumstances that would be possibly relevant to whether any of these would constitute prior art under 35 USC (b) or for any other reason, and would at most be in the category of experimental use. It is quite clear that none of these events would constitute prior art. Nevertheless, to ensure there has been complete candor in disclosing all pertinent prior art as well as any events or circumstances that could have any possibility of being prior art, these are being disclosed in this accompanying declaration of Mr. McDugle, one of the co-inventors.

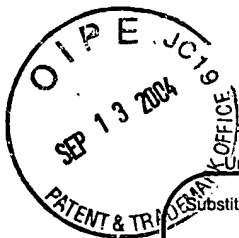
It is respectfully submitted that the examiner review these and enter these into the file of the above noted application. Enclosed with this letter is form PTO/SB/08B, in which this declaration of Mr. McDugle is listed.

If the examiner feels that there is any matter which needs further attention, and if consultation with the undersigned would be of help, such consultation would be welcome. The applicant's attorney can normally be reached at the phone number noted below.

Signed at Bellingham, County of Whatcom, State of Washington this September 08, 2004.

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